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Senate Bill 93 (As Passed Senate)

Topic: Workplace Ergonomics Rules
Sponsor: Senator Sanborn
Co-sponsors: None
Committee: Senate Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

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The bill amends the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act to prohibit the promulgation of a rule or standard regarding workplace ergonomics. The department may, however, adopt by reference a federal workplace ergonomics rule. Guidance, best practices information, or assistance for the voluntary implementation or practice of a workplace ergonomics program would be permitted. Workplace ergonomics programs that are more stringent than indicated in federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines may not be advocated in guidance or assistance offered under the bill. The bill defines "workplace ergonomics" as a program or practice that "addresses musculoskeletal disorders that are caused by repetitive motion or stress".

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